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1. The Clement Gottwald Military Academy is in the buildings of the old Austrian Märisch-Weisskirchen Military Academy in Branice. It has been enlarged by the present regime. There are now 820 students. The buildings are closed to all who are not members of classes. Officers are trained for armor, infantry, artillery and antiaircraft artillery.
2. A labor unit of the state building trust numbering 320 to 330 men is in Hradec Kralove, and has been busy since Mar 1953. They are working on an exercise area for air gunnery and bombing practice, which is to be finished at the close of the current year.
3. Fortifications are being built in the Moldau-Richwald-Graupen (Vltava-Dubi-Krupka) area, and the whole area has been barred. Farmers in the area are not allowed to move about freely.
4. A barracks complex has been built in Mimon, near the electric power station. Work has been going on since the spring of 1953. Down to the present, 11 buildings, each 25 by 80 m have been erected. The barracks have been occupied by a large Czechoslovak infantry unit but identification is lacking.

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